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## IN THE LOOP



GREAT TIMES @ CAMP

GRADE 3/4 MT EVELYN
GRADE 5/6 CAMPASPE DOWNS



- OUTDOOR GAMES
- ADVENTURE
- PERSONAL CHALLENGE
- NATURE EXPLORATION
- INDEPENDENCE



# Welcome back to our Campers!

Over the past two weeks, our school has been buzzing with stories from the two camps that were attended for over 100 students. What an unforgettable adventure it has been! Students Challenged themselves with outdoor activities, worked together in teams, learned new skills, and discovered strengths they didn't even know they had. From Campfire conversations to high rope courage, we witnessed resilience, laughter, and incredible personal growth.

Thank you to the staff who generously gave their time to go to Camp with our students so enthusiastically and make these Camps such a success. Our students were incredible, and we were proud of them

#### **Acknowledgement to Country**

We are learning on Wurundjeri Country and in the spirit of reconciliation, Lalor North Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are learning. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



### **Important Dates**

#### Week 10, Term 4

#### **Christmas Activities Begin**

Monday 8th December – Greek Christmas Carols
Monday 8th December – Macedonian Christmas Carols
Tuesday 9th December – Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
Tuesday 9th December – Whole School Step Up 9.15-11am
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Playgroup 9am–10am
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 6 Graduation Lunch
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly & Awards 9am

#### Week 11, Term 4

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reports Go Live
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Newsletter
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Final Day 2025 - Students Finish 1.30pm
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum Day, Planning for 2026



### Our School Values

## Honesty

We communicate openly and work together to solve problems. By demonstrating honesty and acting with integrity we build trust, which enables us to collaborate, to take greater risks with our learning and to be more resilient when things go wrong.

## Respect

We respect ourselves, our school and each other, and understand that our attitudes and behaviour have an impact on the people around us.

## Unity

We have many languages, come from many backgrounds and are a school of many differences, but we speak with one voice, as one school.

We develop a sense of connection and belonging within each part of our school, and across the whole school.

### Success

We help each other learn so that everyone experiences success every day. Success means doing new things, learning new skills, finding new ways of thinking and solving interesting, complex and challenging problems.

## Resilience We know truing

We know trying new things, experiencing challenges and bouncing back from adversity are central to life and to learning. Only by building our resilience can we experience strong levels of growth.



Welcome to the final fortnight of Term 4!

It's hard to believe that all we have left is the last two weeks of what has been a vibrant, productive, and very successful year at Lalor North Primary School. Our classrooms continue to buzz with energy as students complete their end of year learning, prepare for Christmas Carols, celebrate achievements, and take part in the many wonderful activities that make this time of year so special.

Behind the scenes, we have also finalised our grade structure for 2026. As our school operates across three curriculum programs, there are additional layers to consider when designing the best structure for our students and staff. All staff contribute thoughtfully to this process, with our school leaders then making the final adjustments to ensure the strongest possible learning environment for every child.

In 2026 we will have 360 students in 18 classrooms.

- Greek Bilingual Program will have 4 classrooms
- Standard Curriculum Program will have 7 classrooms
- Macedonian Bilingual Program will have 7 classrooms



#### Step Up Day – Meeting New Teachers and Class

One of the most exciting days of the year is Step-Up Day planned for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Students will spend some time in their 2025 classrooms, meeting their new teachers and classmates.

This transition experience builds confidence, reduces nervousness, and gives students a positive start heading into the new school year. For some students, it is an exciting time as they settle into their new learning spaces and begin imagining their year ahead. For other students it is a little more challenging. Teachers will be talking to their students about change and especially supporting the students that become a little anxious at this time of the year. We also encourage families to also have these discussions with their children in preparation.

Your child will bring home a document that will inform you of their new teacher/teachers and room number for the 2026 school year.



#### School Council - Celebrating a Successful Year

As we wrap up our last School Council meeting for the year, I would like to thank our proactive School Council, whose guidance and leadership throughout the year has strengthened our school in countless ways. From policy decisions and planning to supporting events and advocating for resources, your commitment behind the scenes creates positive, lasting impacts. We appreciate your time, your passion, and your belief in our school's vision.

Thank you for your warm collaboration to make our school an even better place for our students. We were hugely successful with our fundraising efforts this year and we could not have achieved that without your dedication.

#### **School Captain Speeches for 2026**



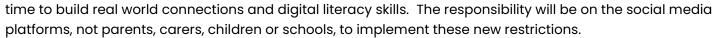
What a spectacular week of leadership and courage! Our students delivered their school captain speeches, and we could not be prouder. Each candidate spoke with maturity, creativity, and a genuine desire to make a difference. It takes real bravery to stand in front of peers and staff to share your ideas and vision. Every student who put themselves forward has already shown the qualities of a leader. We look forward to announcing the successful captains at our final assembly and celebrate all of our emerging leaders.

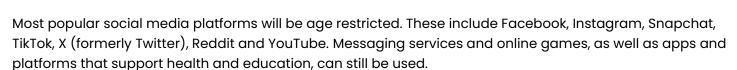
#### **Social Media Ban**

From 10 December 2025, the *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024*will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra







Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the <u>eSafety</u> <u>website</u> to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find <u>tips on how to talk about social media</u> <u>age restrictions with young people</u>.

What the change means for our school

At our school, all age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network. To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the <u>eSafety website</u> and <u>subscribe</u> to their newsletter.

This important step is designed to support student wellbeing, reduce online distractions, and encourage healthy, face to face communication, something we value deeply at our school.

We know habits start early, and together with our families, we can guide students to use technology safely and responsibly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in making this positive change.





### Parent Helpers - A Heartfelt Thank You

To our dedicated Parent Helpers, we extend a massive THANK YOU. Your willingness to give your time, whether supporting reading groups, helping on excursions, assisting in our special lunches, or contributing to events, makes an incredible difference. We had a special afternoon tea with our parent helpers last week and as a staff we really wanted to express our gratitude to all parents who have made some time to help out. Lalor North Primary School is successful as a result of the partnership we have with our families, and we are deeply grateful for the warmth, positivity, and community spirit you bring to our learning environment every day. Thank you!

### Our Community Spirit!

Our students are lighting up the community with their joyful Christmas carol performances. It is our way of sharing our joy with our local community. Our Macedonian Bilingual students will be singing carols at a local Senior Citizens Club; our choir celebrated a joyful Christmas Carols singing at the Bethel Ages Care on Thursday and our Greek Bilingual



students singing to our families and special guests. These performances are filled with harmony, colour, and festive cheer, showcasing not only musical ability but also our students' cultural pride and community spirit. It is our way of putting a smile on faces beyond our school.

Thank you to the teachers and families who supported rehearsals and celebrations, as your involvement made these moments truly special. Our students are amazing and impressive, and we are so very proud of





#### TheirCare Registrations for 2026 - Now Open

We are pleased to share that **TheirCare registrations for 2026** are now open. Families who will require before- or afterschool care next year are encouraged to register early to secure their place. Our partnership with TheirCare continues to support our community by providing a safe, engaging and caring environment for students outside school hours.



#### GRADUATION

Our Grade 6 Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, and spirits are high! This milestone event is a celebration of students' accomplishments, friendships, and the memories they've created over their primary school journey. We look forward to sharing this evening with families as we send our Year 6 students off with pride, strength, and plenty of cheer. They are ready for their next chapter, and we couldn't be more excited for them.

#### If You Are Leaving LNPS in 2026, Please Inform Us NOW

As we finalise staffing and class structures for next year, it is vital that we have accurate enrolment numbers. If your child **will not be returning to Lalor North Primary School in 2026**, please contact the office as soon as possible. Early notification helps us plan effectively and supports smooth transitions for all students.

#### **Interschool Sport - A Big Year of Achievements**

What an impressive year of interschool sport we've had! Our students represented our school with pride, enthusiasm, and exceptional sportsmanship across all competitions.

Whether they were celebrating victories, learning from tough games, or cheering on their

teammates, they demonstrated teamwork and resilience at every turn. We competed with skill and talent and achieved many wins in our competitions both as a team and as individuals. A big well done to all participants, and to the staff who coached, encouraged, and organised a very successful year of sport. Thank you, Keith, for your true love and dedication to sport and teaching our Physical Education curriculum at Lalor North Primary School to our students.



#### Lost Property Pile-Up.... Parents, please come and collect lost items!

Our lost property area is overflowing once again with school jumpers, hats, lunchboxes and drink bottles. If your child has misplaced an item, please check the lost property collection located in the foyer before the end of term. We encourage all families to clearly label belongings, as it allows us to return items to students quickly and helps reduce the growing pile.

#### Students arriving to school before 8.30am

A friendly reminder to all parents for the safety and wellbeing of our students, please **do not** drop your children off at school too early. Our gates are open from 8:35am, and staff begin outdoor supervision at that time. Arriving before this can leave students unsupervised, which is unsafe. We kindly ask that children arrive no earlier than 8:35am to ensure they are properly supervised. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for all students.



#### **Christmas Raffle & Hamper Donations**

Our much-loved **Christmas Raffle** has officially launched! Each class is creating a festive hamper, and we warmly invite families to contribute an item if they are able to. These hampers are always a highlight of our end of year celebrations and bring great excitement to students and families. Raffle tickets have been sent home, and all funds raised will go directly towards our schools learning opportunities and school resources.





Don't forget to donate to the classroom Christmas hampers .... all donations will go into each class hamper and one child from each room will be a winner and take it home!

#### **Mobile Phones in Schools**

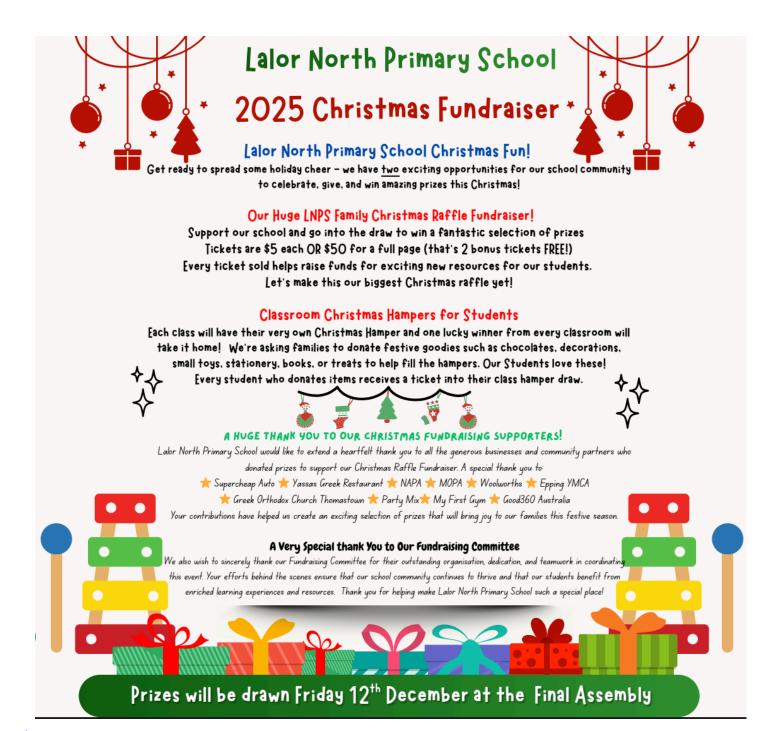


This is a friendly reminder that all students bringing a mobile phone or smart watch to school must sign this in at the school office each day. This is in line with mobile phone policy and guidance introduced by the Victorian Government in 2020. Students are not to store mobile phones or other devices in their bags and are not to use these devices across the day. Any contact you need to make with your child across the school day can be directed through our friendly administration team by calling 9465 4922. Once mobile phones are presented at the office, these are stored securely.

#### **Support from Yard Duty Teachers**

If your child needs help or has any concerns while outside, remind them that yard duty teachers are always available to assist. Whether it's resolving a problem, needing a first aid kit, or simply finding a missing item, the yard duty teachers are here to help and ensure everyone has a positive experience during recess and lunch breaks.





#### **Final Assembly**

Our end of year final assembly will be held at 9.10am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the final assesmbly for the year. Families are welcome to attend. All presentations will be made at that assembly which will include grade awards, Christmas Raffle winners, School Cpatains announced and school leaders roles. We will also have the opportunity to enjoy some performances by our students. It is a special assembly and we invite you to attend…even though it may be a tight squeeze.

#### **End of Term Arrangements**



Our last day of term is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. A reminder to all families to make sure that children are collected on time. We certainly want to ensure that all children are happy and safe and begin their holidays well.



## Look what we achieve together this year!

A SCHOOL BBQ
THE AMAZINE SAND PLAY AREA
OUR POPULAR GASA PIT
OUR NEW BIKE PARKINE AREA
THE NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM &
PLAY SPACE
EXTRA GARDEN BEDS
NEW GARDEN SHED FOR OUR TOOLS



SO FAR HERE IS THE RUN DOWN ON OUR	efforts
LAST YEAR FUNDS NOT SPENT CARRIED FORWARD	\$5156
CHOCOLATE Drive	\$6189
COLOUR FUN RUN	\$3982
Easter raffle	\$2583
MOTHER'S DAY AND SPECIAL PERSON STALL	\$1654
PIZZA SPECIAL LUNCH	\$1722
рујама рау	\$193
Father's day	\$2487
BUNNINGS Sausage Sizzle	\$2606
DISCO FUNDraiser	\$267
FOOTY LUNCH DAY	\$1938
CHI'STMAS RAFFLE	<mark>?????</mark>



This year we have raised a total of \$28,777 and spent \$24,581

All money left over will be carried forward to 2026.

We will include the fundraising from our Christmas Raffle for our final total for the 2025 school Year!

#### FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW MULTI-SPORT SURFACE IN 2026!





We are thrilled to announce that our major fundraising focus for 2026 will go towards transforming our old, uneven asphalt area into a safe, vibrant and modern multi-sport space for our students. We will soon be gathering quotes to resurface the area with new basketball and netball courts, using high-quality synthetic surfaces that can be enjoyed all year round.

This rejuvenation will breathe new life into a well-loved area of our school and provide students with an inspiring space to learn, play and compete. With your support, we can bring this vision to life for our LNPS community!



## From the Office



#### **Christmas Raffle**

The LNPS Christmas Raffle is well under way, thank you to all the families who have already purchased tickets and have donated items for the classroom raffles for our students.

Donations of festive goodies such as chocolates, decorations, small toys or treats are welcome to make up the hampers for each classroom. We are desperately requiring more donations so that we can make our hampers look great for our students!



#### **Student Free Days for 2026**

We have attached our 2026 student free days for families to be able to plan. Mark these on your calendar so that you are ready for the 2026 school year. Our working families appreciate knowing these days.

#### Important Reminder: Wear a Hat Outside

We've recently noticed that many children are spending time outdoors without wearing a hat. This term all students are expected to wear hats and protecting ourselves becomes even more important. A hat helps shield your face, neck, and head from harmful UV rays and reduces the risk of sunburn and heat-related discomfort.

Please make sure your child brings a hat to school so they can

wear it during outdoor activities. Together, we can keep everyone safe, healthy, and protected in the sun.

#### Start of the 2026 School year

We are nearly at the end of this very busy school year! For your information, please note that the beginning of Term 1, 2026 looks like this:

Tuesday 27th January – Curriculum Day, No Students Wednesday 28th January – Curriculum Day, No Students Thursday 29th January – All Students Return to School

Barbara, Liz and Diana



#### **School Camps a Great Success**

Late November and early December were filled with excitement as our Grade 3–6 students headed off on their long-awaited school camps, enjoying new challenges, memorable activities and plenty of laughs with friends.

#### Grade 5/6 Camp Campaspe Downs PGL (26-28 November)

Forty-seven enthusiastic students travelled to Campaspe Downs PGL near Kyneton for a three-day outdoor adventure. Students rotated through a wide range of activities including the flying fox, the giant swing, initiative games, laser tag, orienteering and canoeing. Each activity encouraged teamwork, persistence and a willingness to step outside of their comfort zones.

The fun continued into the evenings. On the first night, students took part in a special games' night, with one highlight being a hilarious relay in which teams raced to draw just *one line* at a time to complete a portrait of the teacher modelling for their team. The combined "masterpieces" had everyone in stitches.

The second night featured a water balloon drop challenge. Using only limited materials, teams had to design a protective structure to keep their balloon from bursting when dropped from the picnic table onto the concrete below.

Successful teams were rewarded with the chance to throw their surviving water balloon at the camp instructor! The evening finished with a night walk, where many students were thrilled to spot kangaroos along the track.















#### Grade 3/4 Camp - Mt Evelyn YMCA (2-3 December)

Our Grade 3/4 students also had a wonderful experience, with forty-three campers heading to Mt Evelyn YMCA for their one-night adventure. Students participated in archery, the low ropes course, the flying fox and the giant swing, building confidence and cheering each other on.

Before heading out on their torch lit night walk, students gathered around the campfire to toast marshmallows, a highlight for many and a cosy way to finish the day's activities. Both camps included free time to relax, explore, and enjoy being in cabins with friends, an experience student always treasure.

School camps play a vital role in helping students grow socially, emotionally and physically. They encourage children to try new things, develop resilience, practise problem-solving and work cooperatively in teams. Shared challenges help students build stronger friendships and create memories that last long after the camp has ended.

We are incredibly proud of all students for their enthusiasm, positive behaviour and willingness to give everything a go. A big thank you to the staff who supported the camps and made these experiences possible.









### Student of the Week - 21st November

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Karam A	Success	For approaching every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity. You listen carefully, remember new things and apply what you have learnt every day.
Wattle 3			
Wattle 4	Orson Y	Success	For demonstrating excellent dance skills and impressive rhythm during the Grade 6 graduation dance. Well done super star!
Wattle 5	Suhavya C	Respect	For consistently showing respect to all teachers and peers. You listen carefully when others are speaking, use polite and kind language and follow instructions the first time. Well done, Suhavya!
Wattle 7	Huda A	Honesty	For showing honesty. Huda always tells the truth and sets a great example for others! Well done, Huda
Wattle 8	Leila A	Respect	For showing respect every day towards your peers, our classroom, and your learning. Well done!
Banksia 1	Xavier E	Resilience	For showing persistence when working through challenging tasks and trying his best. Keep it up!
Banksia 2	Nikola I	Unity	For always working well with others, helping to take care of the classroom and showing kindness to all her peers.
Banksia 3	Emilia S	Resilience	For building her resilience, beginning days with happiness, and working well in every learning session. Well done, Emilia!
Banksia 4	Stefan K	Success	For his well-planned and delivered 'How to Make Friends' presentation. Well done, Stefan!
Banksia 5	David A	Success	For putting 100% effort during maths sessions, completing all set tasks. Well done, David!
Banksia 6	Maggie K	Unity	For supporting her whole class to complete learning activities by offering her help at all times.
Banksia 7	Portia A	Resilience	For persevering to complete a challenging reading activity and revising her answers for accuracy. Great job Portia!
Banksia 8	Anthony N	Success	For his amazing eagerness to learn and challenge himself during numeracy classes and trying different strategies to solve mathematical problems.
Banksia 9	Samuel P	Unity	For always offering to help around the class, supporting his classmates and assisting students who need it. A wonderful display of Unity, Samuel!
PE			
ART	Zeinab H Wattle 8	Success	For always putting extra effort into her work while helping others in the Art Room. Wonderful!
ITALIAN	Rosil K Wattle 4	Success	For her ability to follow instructions to write statements about her family members' occupations in Italian. Brava, Rosil!
STEAM	Sahibjeet S Wattle 8	Resilience	For showing excellent precision while tracing a car image in OSMO Masterpiece and even added extra drawings to enhance his work. Amazing work, Sahib!

## Student of the Week - 28th November

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Vyan S	Unity	For making new friends and interacting positively with all of his classmates. Welcome back Vyan!
Wattle 3	Reem A	Unity	For stepping up and helping out in our library session and in class to help things run more smoothly. Great job, Reem!
Wattle 4	Whole Class	Unity	For showing incredible teamwork and a welcoming attitude towards students in other cohorts.  Well done!
Wattle 5	Chloe R	Respect	For consistently showing respect to all your teachers and peers. You are kind and respectful to everyone and a great role model for others. Keep being wonderful!
Wattle 7			·
Wattle 8	Dimi Z	Respect	For showing respect by participating in class activities and being mindful of others.
Banksia 1	Jacob A	Respect	For being respectful, thoughtful and kind to his teachers and peers. Well done, Jacob!
Banksia 2	Harry C	Resilience	For writing Greek words independently during phonics lessons. Well done, Harry!
Banksia 3	Mia D	Resilience	For working with great effort and persistence to finish her activity on her own during the Macedonian reading lesson.
Banksia 4	Alexandra S	Respect	For showing kindness and respect to all teachers. You are a great role model in the class! Well done, Alexandra!
Banksia 5	Kalina M	Respect	For being a respectful and responsible student who listens well, follows instructions, and contributes positively to our class community. Great job, Kalina!
Banksia 6			, J
Banksia 7			
Banksia 8			
Banksia 9	Nadja T	Respect	For being the perfect role model of exemplary behaviour and always showing respect to all. Wonderful Nadja!
PE			
ART			
ITALIAN	Nerina L Wattle 4	Success	For her ability to ask questions to her peers in Italian and answer questions about her family members' occupations. Brava, Nerina!
STEAM	Adam A Wattle 7	Respect	For working hard in our STEAM sessions and using OSMO games respectfully. Keep it up, Adam!

# School Uniform





Black Fleety Straight Leg Trackpants

\$24.00 ZERO Member \$22.80



Girls Black Straight Leg. Trackpants

\$28.00 ZERO Member \$26.60



Black Fleecy Double Knee Trackpants With Cuff

\$25.00 ZERO Member \$23,75



Black/Green Hoodle With Emb

\$48 - \$51 ZERO Member from \$45.60







Bottle/White Gingham Summer Dress

\$29.00 ZERO Member \$27.55



SS Green/Black Polo With Emb LS Green/Black Polo With Emb

\$35 - \$38 ZERO Member from \$33.25



\$37 - \$40 ZERO Member from \$35.15



Black/Green Bomber Jacket With Emb

\$52 - \$55 ZERO Member from \$49,40



Black Waterproof Rain Jacket

\$52.00 ZERO Member \$49.40



Black Bucket Hat With Logo

\$15.00 ZERO Member \$14.25



Black Beanie With Emb

\$12.00 ZERO Member \$11,40



Store Location: Plenty Valley, 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park, VIC 3082



Black Bag With Logo

